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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA BY  
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Examiner: A. M. Bertagna

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 14, 2010, in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. A petition for a three month extension of time is concurrently submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.